Proposal for Construction of "Tourist" and "Rest" Facilities in West Godavari District

1123. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA SWAMY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been received by Government to construct "Tourist" and "Rest" facilities in West Godavari district in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that this request has since been taken up with the Government of Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the details of the representation made including the name of the representor;

(d) the reasons for delaying action on such suggestions; and

(e) steps proposed to encourage construction of tourist facilities in West Godavari district in Andhra Pradesh along National Highway No. 5?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) to (e) The Department of Tourism provides central financial assistance to State/Union Territory Governments for projects which are identified in consultation with State Government based on their merits, inter-se-priority and availability of funds.

The Department of Tourism has not received any proposal for financial assistance for construction of Tourist facilities in West Godavari District during 1996-97. However, financial assistance has been provided to Andhra Pradesh for Way side facilities at Ellur, West Godavari District During 1990-91.

RBI Guidelines to Banks for scheme to Rehabilitate sick SSI Units

1124. MISS. SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Reserve Bank of India have issued guidelines to all the Public Sector Banks to prepare and implement scheme for rehabilitation of sick small scale industrial units in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all the Public Sector Banks have prepared such scheme and are also implementing it;

(d) if so, the details thereof and how many banks are not implementing the scheme; and

(e) how many SSI units were revived and rehabilitated by the banks under the scheme in Maharashtra during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise details?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued guidelines to commercial banks for implementation of rehebilitation packages in the case of potentially viable sick small scale industrial (SSI) units. These guidelines were first issued by RBI in February 1987 and modified from time to time.

(b) These guidelines, inter alia, contain criteria for identification of sick SSI units, measure to arrest sickness at incipient stage, formulation of viability norms as also norms for grant of relief/concessions from commercial banks that could be granted as part of rehabilitation package in the case of potentially viable sick SSI units.

(c) and (d) The reliefs/concessions to be grented as part of the rehabilitation peckage are decided by the banks on merits of each case as per RBI guidelines, All the public sector banks are implementing the rehabilitation schemes.

(e) The information regarding number of SSI units under revival by banks in Maharashtra is as follows:

Year Ended	Potentially Viable Units		Of Which Units Put under Nursing	
	No. of Units	Amount Out-Standing	No. of Units	Amount Out-Standing
		(Rs. Crore)		(Rs. crore)
March 1993	1764	205.71	1014	143.49
March 1994	1153	159.36	771	135.41
March 1995	1127	106.60	710	79.82

However, district-wise data is not available with RBI.

Fruitful Research on Public Health Problems by ICMR

1125. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the annual budget of ICMR;

(b) whether any fruitful research or work has been done on public health problem by ICMR;

(c) if so, what has been the contribution of ICMR in malaria control, dengue control and other such types of diseases;

(d) whether any Government benefit anyalysis will be done by ICMR; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) (a) During the current year, the total provision allocated for the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) is Rs. 62.00 crores including Plan and Non-Plan.

(b) and (c) ICMR's research activities address the thrust areas of public health, including research on major communicable and non-communicable diseases. The National Institute of Virology, Pune has; helped in conducting serological investigations during the recent outbreak of Dengue in Delhi and some neighbouring areas.

The Council's Malaria Research Centre, is engaged in research on epidemiological, entomological, immunological, clinical as well as basic aspects of malaria. The Centre has formulated the Integrated Disease Vector Control (IDVC) for control of mosquito vectors through bio-environmental methods, community awareness and participation so as to minimise the use of synthetic insecticides. Studies have also been undertaken to evaluate the use of indigenous, economic and environmentally compatible products as mosquito repellants.

(d) and (e) The Council has a peer review system for assessing the progress of scientific work done, under which the Scientific Advisory Committees/Groups of the Council review the research activities in the respective areas, with the Scientific Advisory Board overviewing the entire scientific activities of ICMR. In addition, the Reviewing Committee set up periodically by the Government also review from time to time the overall progress of work done by the Council.